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SUBJECT: OECD EAST-WEST INITIATIVE AND XCSS-NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES

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1. SUMMARY: DUTCH CONCERN ON BOTH LONG TERM STRATEGY FOR NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS AND EAST-WEST INITIATIVE CENTERS MAINLY ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES INCLUDING NEED FOR FURTHER STUDY AND ELABORATION AND DESIRE TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND CREATION OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY. END SUMMARY.

2. ECON/COM COUNSELOR PRESENTED U.S. PROPOSAL ON LONG TERM STRATEGY (REF B) TO MFA BUREAU CHIEF FOR OECD AND BENELUX ARNOLD ON OCTOBER 7. ARNOLD EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE THAT U.S. PLANNED TO RAISE THIS AT OCTOBER 14-15 XCSS. HE AGREED THAT  
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SUBJECT MERITS CONSIDERATION BUT THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE DEALT

WITH AT A LATER MEETING. BASED ON HIS KNOWLEDGE OF EARLIER GON DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE, HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE SOME SUPPORT FOR THE PLANNERS GROUP CONCEPT BUT BELIEVED GON WOULD SUGGEST THAT A STUDY BE MADE TO SEE WHETHER THE SUBJECT MIGHT BE HANDLED BY EXISTING OECD EXECUTIVE MACHINERY OR BY THE DAC RATHER THAN TO CREATE A NEW ENTITY TO DEAL WITH IT.

3. REFERRING TO OUR EARLIER DISCUSSIONS OF USG EAST-WEST PROPOSALS (REFS A AND C), ARNOLD (ON BEHALF OF VAN SCHAIK AND ITALIANER WHO WERE IN BRUSSELS FOR OCTOBER 7 "BRAIN-STORMING" SESSION) SAID GON SERIOUSLY QUESTIONS WHETHER IT IS NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE TO COVER SO MANY ASPECTS OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS IN BROADER FORUM OFFERED BY OECD SINCE MANY OF THESE SUBJECTS ARE ALREADY BEING FOLLOWED CLOSELY IN NATO. HE IMMEDIATELY AGREED THAT GON PROBABLY WOULD FAVOR THE PROPOSAL ON SHIPPING SINCE IT WOULD BRING JAPAN AND OTHER NON-SOVIET SHIPPING NATIONS TOGETHER AND GON SHIPPING OFFICIALS AND SHIPPING CIRCLES ARE FULLY CONVINCED OF THE NEED FOR BROAD INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO FACE UP TO REAL THREAT FROM SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN SHIPPING (NOT TO MENTION THAT DUTCH DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR SHIPPING JANSSEN IS CHAIRMAN OF OECD SHIPPING COMMITTEE). HE THEN ADDED THAT GON BELIEVES THAT EACH OF THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS SHOULD BE STUDIED TO SEE WHETHER THERE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT JUSTIFICATION FOR TAKING IT UP IN THE OECD FRAMEWORK. WITH REGARD TO OUR PROCEDURAL PROPOSAL, HE SAID GON WOULD FAVOR INITIALLY REFERRING THE PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM TO THE COUNCIL AND, AFTER FURTHER ELABORATION WITHIN THE COUNCIL, THEN TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO SEEK THE HELP OF AN AD HOC GROUP TO STUDY THE NEED FOR CLOSER COOPERATION WITHIN THE OECD ON EACH OF THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT, OF COURSE, THE DUTCH WOULD ALSO HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION EC-9 ATTITUDES WHICH HAD STILL TO BE FULLY DETERMINED.

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